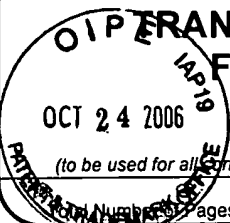
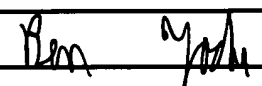


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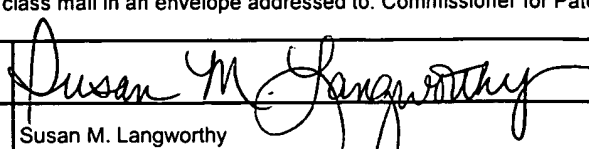
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Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
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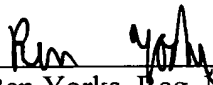
Dear Sir:

The following is in response to a restriction requirement dated September 26, 2006. The Examiner has requested an election between Claims 1-12 (Group I) and Claims 13-20 (Group II). The Applicant hereby elects Claims 1-12 (Group I) without traverse.

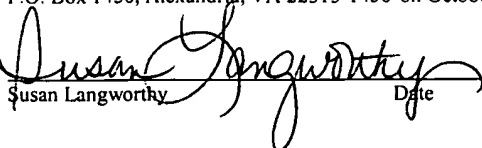
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